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Westside Salmon Announcement 26 Emergency Order 30

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham with an announcement regarding commercial fishing in the Nushagak District. This is Westside salmon announcement number 26 issued Friday, July 5 at 12:00 p.m.

The cumulative Wood River sockeye salmon escapement at 6:00 a.m. was 1 million, Igushik River escapement is 231,000. The Nushagak River sockeye salmon escapement through July 4 was 785,000; the king salmon escapement was 80,618. There are 320 permits registered to fish in the Nushagak District. The commercial harvest yesterday was 123,000 sockeye salmon, making the cumulative harvest 2.62 million.

As previously announced, commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the Nushagak District will open at 3:00 p.m. this opening is extended until further notice. The transfer period into the Nushagak District still applies.

For those people fishing near the Igushik River, there is more oil leaking now and fisherman should continue to be vigilant for the possibility of contamination. It is possible that the fishery will be closed again if the leaking cannot be stopped.

This has been the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham.